

## **BACK TO THE BEGINNING: The Record of Creation - Part 3**

### **Genesis Chapter 1:3-25**

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The Holy Spirit of God is hovering over the waters about to embark on a creative effect that to this day still boggles the minds! *Psalms 8:1*

1. "Then God said" – all came into being through the creative power of God speaking them into existence. *Psalms 33:6; 148:1-5; Hebrews 11:1-3*

*Ex-nihilo* means "out of nothing." *Romans 4:17b*

2. "And there was" or "and it was so" - God wanted us to know that as soon as He spoke it, it came into existence.

3. "God saw that it was good" –He checked it for perfection, precision, and purpose. *Psalms 145:9; Isaiah 45:18; Psalms 115:16*

4. "God called" - God Himself began naming certain items of His creation.

5 And there was evening and morning" –the Hebrew way of communicating a 24 hour period would always include a number.

### **DAY 1 LIGHT vs. 3-5**

This light that God created was not the light which we are familiar with as coming from the Sun. *Revelations 21:23-25a; Revelation 22:5*

### **DAY 2 SKY & SPACE vs. 6-8**

The earth was covered with water and had another covering of clouds, fog, and mist which produced dense moisture filling the atmosphere. God created the sky to go between them. *Isaiah 40:21-22*

### **DAY 3 LAND, SEA, PLANTS & TREES vs. 9-13**

The dry land mass (continents) more than likely at the time of creation were once connected to each other. *Psalms 104:5-9; Job 38:4-11*

When God created plants and trees He placed within each one, seeds to reproduce itself according to the kind of life it was.

### **DAY 4 SUN, MOON & STARS vs. 14-19**

God placed them in the upper part of the sky for 1) Signs – provide direction 2) Seasons – determine and effect each of our four seasons 3) Days & Years/Calendar - the rotation of the earth is fixed and time follows a unique pattern. 4) Light – Providing visibility, warmth and growth substances

### **DAY 5 SEA LIFE & FOWL vs. 20-23**

Creatures that could live in the water and that could fly in the sky with reproductive organs. "*Be fruitful and multiply, and fill...*"

### **DAY 6 LAND CREATURES vs. 24-25**

3 categories: Cattle – animals that could be domesticated to serve mankind. Creeping things – huge reptiles to the smallest ant or tick. Beasts – the wild animals whose ravenous nature was kept in check.

# HOW GREAT THOU ART

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**1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

**2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.**

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

**3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

**4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"**



